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In accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants bring the following information with respect to the above-identified application to the attention of the Examiner.

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5,904,944 <sup>1</sup>	05/18/1999	Batterman et al.

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<sup>1</sup>U.S. Patent No. 5,904,944 is the U.S. equivalent to EP 0 765 608 which is cited above.

<sup>2</sup>An English translation of BE 529 883 is currently being obtained and will be submitted under separate cover.

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**Other Prior Art - Non Patent Literature Documents**

Seas et al., "Development of Cheese-Flavored Dairy Spreads with Controlled Fat Content",  
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The above documents are listed on Form PTO/SB/08A which accompanies this Information Disclosure Statement, and a copy of each document listed is enclosed herewith.

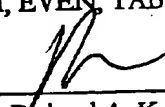
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We are also enclosing a copy of the *European Search Report* issued in the European application and received on April 7, 2003.

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